

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1081
By McDonald

A RESOLUTION to recognize and congratulate Connie Balturshot upon her induction into the Tennessee Teachers Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Connie Balturshot is one such estimable educator who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Balturshot was recently inducted into the Tennessee Teachers Hall of Fame, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Connie Balturshot joins the ranks of numerous educators who have been inducted into the circle of honor at the Tennessee Teachers Hall of Fame, which is co-sponsored each year by Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU) and overseen by a Board of Governors representing major educational organizations statewide; and

WHEREAS, wholly deserving of this honor, Connie Balturshot has served with acumen and alacrity as a third grade teacher for seventeen years at Guild Elementary School in the Sumner County School System and for four years as a second grade teacher for the Ohio Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, in addition to teaching the students, Mrs. Balturshot also serves as their friend and counselor, is a mentor to other teachers, and stands as a leader in her school and community; she is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who has worked assiduously during her career to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as students and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Balturshot's interest in education extends beyond the classroom, as evidenced by her participation as a sponsor of Family Reading Night, Writer's Workshop, and the Glitterbug Environmental Program; she also served as Grade 3 Team Leader, a Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) team member and Chairperson, a Student Support team member, an official Mentor Teacher, and an effective grant writer; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Mrs. Balturshot is an Apple 4 The Teacher award nominee, a three-time honoree in *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*, a DisneyHand Award nominee, a Goals 2000 Grant Winner, and Outstanding Educator of the Year finalist; and

WHEREAS, Connie Balturshot truly serves as an inspiration to the educational community of Tennessee, and she epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, Mrs. Balturshot's life of teaching and service should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Connie Balturshot for her meritorious service to the State of Tennessee, congratulate her upon being inducted into the Tennessee Teachers Hall of Fame, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.